THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) (a) According to the index of industrial production the industrial secor has shown a rising trend during 1993-94. The overall rate of growth during April-March 1993-94 was 3.0% as compared to 2.3% during 1992-93.

(b) and (c) Targets for overall industrial rates of growth are not fixed on an annual basis.

Pendance of cases in Madhya Pradesh High Court

2403. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Civil and Criminal cases pending in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at present; and

(b) the details of cases pending in the High Court for the last five years, ten years, fifteen years and twenty years, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The information furnished by the Registry of Madhya Pradesh High Court is given below:

Number of cases pending in Madhya Pradesh High Court (As on 30-6-1994)

Civil — 43,867
Criminal — 23,691

Year-wise pendency of cases	Civil	Criminal
Over 1 Year & upto 5 years	29,511	15,886
Over 5 years & upto 10 years	11,796	7,392
Over 10 years & upto 15 years	2,339	393
Over 15 years & upto 20 years	190	20
Over 20 years	31	Nil

State Government's demand on electoral reforms

2404. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether different State Governments including Government of West Bengal have been impressing upon the Government of India to pursue the agenda on the constitutional amendment for electoral reforms; and

(b) if so, the precise demands made by them and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House..

Foreign nationals registered as voters

2405. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of foreign nationals registered as voters in the country at present;

(b) if so, their total number alongwith their break-up, State-wise and nationality-wise;

(c) whether there is any criteria laid down to confer voting rights on such persons without being registered as citizens of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to delete the names of such persons from the voters list and also enact a fool-proof legislation for proving their Indian nationality before their registration as voters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) It is for the concerned, Electoral Registration authorities and not for Government to delete the names of foreign naionals who are enrolled as electors. There is no proposal to enact any fresh legislation in this behalf.

Pending motor accident claims

2406. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 4,300 cases of motor accident claims are pending with the Additional District Judge of Delhi since last two decades;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about 51,000 cases are pending in Kerala High Court, where a Judge decides 1,000 cases a year and 21,000 cases are pending in the Guwahti High Court, which deals with seven North-Eastern States;

(c) whether the position in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat is also similar;

(d) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(e) whether the cases are piling up inspite of Malimath Committee's Report and recommendation in this regard; and

(f) if so, what efforts are being made by Government to clear these piled up cases in various High Courts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Registry of Delhi High Court has informed that Motor Accident claims Tribunal, Delhi is functioning under the administrative control of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. As per the information received from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, as on 31.12.1993, a total of 17,056 cases were pending in all the six Motor Accident Claim Tribunals functioning in Delhi. Out of these, 887 cases were pending for more than five years.

(b) 1,42,221 cases were pending in the Kerala High Court as on 31-21-93. As informed by the Kerala High Court, the average rate of disposal per Judge per year was more than 1,000 cases. The Registry of Guwahati High Court has informed that 24,742 cases were pending in the High Court as on 31.12.93.

(c) The pendency of cases in these High Courts, is given below:

Name of the High Court	No. of cases pending
Gujarat	96,700 (as on 31-12-93)
Madhya Pradesh	82,028 (as on 30-6-93)

(d) The pendency of cases is due to several complex factors, including increasing institution of cases in the High Courts.